

C.J. has been a member of Taiwan's foreign service for the past 37 years. More than two-thirds of his long career has been spent focused on Taiwan's relationship with the United States, Taiwan's most important trading partner and strategic ally. C.J. started working in Washington in 1971 in a junior position at the Republic of China's Embassy. He was present at the time of derecognition and was a participant in the dialogue which led to the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979. During the next 25 years, C.J. was appointed to a series of increasingly important positions in the Taiwan government involving relations between Washington and Taipei, culminating in his appointment first as Deputy Foreign Minister and then Foreign Minister.

During these years, C.J. developed strong friendships with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle in both Houses of Congress. His credibility has been high with every Administration with which he has interacted. Therefore, Taiwanese President Chen chose C.J. to serve as TECRO Representative at the beginning of his Presidency, knowing that C.J. would provide him and his government the best counsel, the most accurate advice and the best information on critical aspects of the relationship between Washington and Taipei.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege to travel to Taiwan on many occasions, including a most recent visit earlier this year. My knowledge of Taiwan has been greatly enhanced by the friendship I have developed with C.J. over the past 22 years. I will miss having him in Washington as TECRO Representative. But I am heartened to know he and his lovely wife Yolanda will be returning to Taipei where he will continue to make important contributions on matters between the United States and the people of Taiwan. As C.J. concludes his Tour as Taiwan's unofficial ambassador, I am certain all of my colleagues wish him well and congratulate him on a job well done. I look forward to seeing him again in Taipei or whenever he returns to Washington in the future.

WCCO RADIO HAS BEEN A "GOOD NEIGHBOR" TO MINNESOTANS FOR 80 YEARS

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a legendary Minnesota institution, WCCO Radio, which is celebrating its 80th Anniversary.

WCCO officially went on the air on October 2, 1924, broadcasting from a tower in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, now in the Third Congressional District. WCCO was the largest radio station west of the Mississippi. Named for the Washburn Crosby Company, WCCO was the second radio station (and first for-profit commercial broadcaster) in the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, WCCO has been a "Good Neighbor" to all Minnesotans and the entire Upper Midwest, and this historic milestone is truly deserving of special recognition.

For eight decades, Minnesotans have tuned to 830 on the dial to keep up on the news, sports, school closings, blizzards, heat waves, tornadoes, floods, election results, community celebrations, farm prices, health tips, market updates and world events.

WCCO gives us what we need, when we need it.

WCCO has always nurtured our better instincts, raising money and volunteers to help countless charities, veterans groups, churches, synagogues, civic efforts, storm cleanups and people in need. WCCO has always embodied public service of the highest order!

Mr. Speaker, WCCO has been Minnesota's bulletin board for generations. Our grandparents and parents and children have counted on WCCO to deliver us what we need to know. And the family of WCCO employees who have provided this tremendous public service need to know how much we appreciate their hard work through the years.

The voices heard on WCCO Radio over the years are legendary to all Minnesotans, good neighbors to us all. They have been like members of the family: Cedric Adams, Halsey Hall, Bob De Haven, Joyce Lamont, Howard Viken, Dick Chapman, Jim Bormann, Ron Handberg, Clayton Kaufman, Ray Christensen, Steve Cannon, Charley Boone, Roger Erickson, Jergen Nash, Sid Hartman, Randy Merriman, Paul Giel, Maynard Speece, Chuck Lillgren, Roger Strom, Dave Lee, Eric Eskola, Mike Lynch, Sue Zelickson, Ruth Koscielak, Bruce Hagevik, Rich Holter, Telly Mamayek, Jeff McKinney, Steve Enck, Adam Carter, Angela Babb, Rita Maloney, Russ Knuth, Steve Murphy, Susie Jones, Tim Russell, Denny Long, Bill Diehl, Pat Miles, Dave Mona, Dark Star, Don Shelby, John Gordon, Patty Peterson, Mike Max, Al Malmberg, Kim Jeffries, Dan Gladden, Dan Terhaar and so many others.

What friends they have been to all Minnesotans, as we have truly been blessed with their enduring talents and commitment to excellence in broadcasting.

WCCO's tradition of excellence and service to the community have been truly remarkable. From recognizing public service with its "Good Neighbor Award" to offering accurate, comprehensive news and information, WCCO Radio has achieved an unparalleled level of trust with its loyal listening audience. WCCO truly connects with its listeners in a special, personal way.

Mr. Speaker, the trust that exists between WCCO and its listeners is all the more outstanding because of the large geographical area WCCO serves. As one of the 12 original "clear channel" stations, WCCO is the only operator allowed on the 830AM setting. With its powerful transmitters, WCCO Radio can be heard not only in Minnesota, but in Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas and far beyond.

Mr. Speaker, the people of WCCO Radio have been the consummate "Good Neighbors" for 80 years, and we salute them for their legendary public service.

Happy 80th birthday, WCCO Radio!

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL EDWARD A. OWSLEY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Colonel Edward Owsley of Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Colonel Owsley was born on March 13, 1913, in Marshall, MO. He joined the Missouri

National Guard in 1931 and was called to active duty in 1940 at Camp Robinson, AR. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry during World War II and served in the Far East Campaigns. He continued to serve after the war and retired in 1966 with the rank of Colonel.

Since 1966, Colonel Owsley devoted his life to public service. He served 20 years as the executive vice president of the Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce and later as the group's ambassador. He was a former state president of the Association of the United States Army, on the board of the Community Development Corp., adviser to Lambda Chi fraternity and an Honorary Knight of St. Patrick.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in offering our deepest condolences to his two daughters, Linda Clift and Pat Jordan of Rolla, MO. Let us offer our gratitude for his many years of service to the United States of America.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BETTY JARAMILLO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged today to rise and pay tribute to Betty Jaramillo of Manzanola, Colorado, for her many years of dedication to the education of our youth at Manzanola Elementary School. As she celebrates her retirement, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize her career before this body of Congress and this nation.

Betty has lived all her life in Manzanola. Her career at Manzanola Elementary School started when she attended the school there as a young child and student. Later, she returned to the school as an employee working as a migrant aide. It did not take long before she was promoted to work as the school secretary, a position in which she would spend the large majority of her tenure. For thirty-six years, she has been a staple in the school and the community by forming strong relationships with the students and other teachers. After spending well over three decades at the elementary school, she has chosen to spend more time with her family and hopes to travel with her husband.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Betty Jaramillo before this body of Congress and this nation. She has dedicated her life toward the betterment of others and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to extend my gratitude to Congressman MARK

SOUDER and former Superintendent of Ft. Clatsop Memorial, Don Striker.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GARY GRASMICK
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement on August 2, 2004, we rise to thank Mr. Gary Grasmick for outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives. For the past 29 years Gary has served this great institution as a valuable employee at House Information Resources, HIR, within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Throughout his career with HIR, Gary has held many positions of increasing responsibility. He began his career at the House on June 16, 1975 as a Production Control Specialist in the HIR data center. For many years Gary's technical, analytical, communication, and financial skills served him well in his efficient management of information technology budgets and contracts. He performed extensive amounts of research and analysis of vendors' hardware and software offerings to acquire the most cost effective and functional products for the House. Gary has also been responsible for configuration management of data center hardware and software and served on several HIR task forces. Since 1998, Gary has been a member of HIR's Immediate Office as the Resources Manager where all his years of experience have been invaluable in serving senior management. As Resources Manager, Gary also oversaw the HIR financial management and procurement processes to ensure compliance with House guidelines and the responsible execution of appropriated funds. Gary was also the recipient of the HIR Quality Award, an in-house award given to outstanding employees for service beyond their assigned duties. His peers and co-workers will miss Gary's professionalism and friendly manner.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Gary for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Gary many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

IN MEMORIAM—SPECIALIST CRAIG
STUART FRANK

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I take this floor to pay tribute to one of Michigan's fallen sons, Army Specialist Craig Stuart Frank. Spc. Frank was a military police officer assigned to the 1775th Military Police Company out of Taylor, Michigan and deployed in Iraq.

Spc. Frank was on assignment guarding a truck convoy mission from Kuwait to a location north of Baghdad when he and his comrades came under a rocket propelled grenade attack. It was on this mission that he gave his last full measure of devotion.

Long before his deployment to Iraq, Spc. Frank was a hero to his family, Timothy and Linda Frank, and his friends of Lincoln Park, Michigan. He joined the military to first serve his country, but also to take advantage of the benefits to pay off his school loans. His father said that, "he didn't want to burden us with the payments." Craig was studying education at Eastern Michigan University and his goal was to become a history teacher. He also showed an interest in becoming a firefighter.

Craig was apparently an avid reader. He brought with him to Iraq 15 books when he was shipped out. His bookishness was a cause for much teasing from his fellow guardsmen of the 1775th.

Spc. Frank's service in the Michigan National Guard and the way he conducted himself in uniform and in battle teaches us a lot about courage. Serving his country was a great source of pride to Craig, and he died on duty in the field of battle.

My thoughts, prayers and tears are with the Frank family and the lady of Craig's affection, Ms. Connie Walker. Craig answered the call to duty and served his country and the State of Michigan with valor. The Army has a tradition of "No man left behind." In that tradition, the story and memory of Spc. Frank will not be left behind. They continue to live on in the thoughts and stories of families and friends.

To the Frank family, I wish to borrow from Abraham Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby: "I pray that our heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you on the cherished memory of the loved, lost and solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

On behalf of a grateful nation, please accept our gratitude and deepest sorrow for your sacrifice.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BREANN
BLACKMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a smart, happy, and beautiful seven-year old, Breann Blackman, who brightens the lives of her family and her Grand Junction, Colorado community. Despite the many challenges she has faced she maintains a healthy and happy attitude towards life. I am proud to join my colleagues here today before this body of Congress and this nation in recognizing her tremendous caring and fun-loving nature in the face of great adversity.

When Breann was three-months old she was diagnosed with infantile scoliosis. The disease produces a severe twisting of the spine, which causes her to spend twenty-three hours of the day in a brace that encases her torso from the hips up to her armpits and has an attachment for neck and head support. The brace comes off for half an hour stretching exercises at recess and half an hour to take a bath. She attends swim therapy at St. Mary's Life Center and does breathing exercises four times a day with a Bi-pap breathing machine. In addition to these daily aspects of her life, she and her brother Jordan experienced the loss of both their mother and father to tragic

circumstances and now live under the custody of their grandparents Lillian and Gene.

Mr. Speaker, Breann Blackman has surpassed many obstacles in her life, and I am honored to recognize her strength and vitality before this body and this nation today. Thank you Breann for improving the lives of the people around you, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JUANITA PHILLIPS

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Juanita R. Phillips, a retired St. Louis Public School educator and the aunt of my colleague and dear friend, Congresswoman DIANE WATSON. Ms. Phillips died of natural causes on July 1, 2004, less than three months shy of celebrating her 100th birthday. Born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 26, 1904, she experienced many highs and lows of this great country's history, witnessing historic events from both World Wars and the Great Depression to landing astronauts on the Moon. She attended the Clinton, Iowa Public Schools, graduated from the University of California-Los Angeles in 1927 and earned a master's degree in English from Ohio State University. She was a pioneer and a model for women of her day and today.

Ms. Phillips pursued a rewarding career teaching English at historically black institutions such as Florida A&M College in Tallahassee, Florida and the Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia, before moving to St. Louis, Missouri in 1943 with her husband, Dr. A.C. Phillips. Ms. Phillips followed her love for teaching English to Soldan High School in the St. Louis Public School system, from which she retired in 1972, and subsequently served as a tutor.

In her years as an educator Ms. Phillips touched many lives. One of those lives is that of her niece, my dear friend and colleague, Congresswoman DIANE WATSON. DIANE has followed in the footsteps of her Aunt Juanita by devoting her life to community service, first as a teacher and school board member, and then as a California State Senator and later as U.S. Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia. DIANE has been a role model to other women just as Aunt Juanita was for her.

Juanita Phillips was truly an exemplary American. She overcame obstacles of racism and hatred to ensure a better life for her family and future generations. The challenges she faced as an African American educator through the years of segregation in our country were difficult to overcome, but Juanita didn't give up. She was undaunted by her commitment to making her world a better place, and she succeeded in doing so for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the life of a woman who dedicated her life to education and to making sure future generations could realize their dreams. There are lessons to be learned from someone who gave so much to so many. Let us all join in giving gratitude for this philanthropic, civic minded and loving individual, Juanita Rabouin Phillips, and to her niece, Representative DIANE WATSON, who carries on the legacy by her service in the Congress.